Northumberland County
Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL **April 24, 2026**

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
Circular Materials Ontario,
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Regional Municipality of York
'Circular Materials Ontario'

At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the March 30, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky
Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council:

- Support the correspondence and call upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and

- Request the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and

- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of ntario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 **Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennettt@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,

Tonia Bennett
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda Item 10.a

Resolution Number 2026-04-15- 251

Council Date: April 15, 2026

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 30, 31 and April 1, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 9.a, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Minutes – Held by Councillor Cleveland; and

Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: **March 30, 2026**

Agenda Item: **7.a**

Resolution Number: **2026-03-30-** 224

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: R. Crate

Council Meeting Date: **April 15, 2026**

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Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

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CAUTION: External E-Mail

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable

recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor **(he/him)** | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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